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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 18 Sep 1994 16:55:03 -0400
From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!newsbf01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Radio Astronomy
To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

In article <he7T3oL.wietlispach@delphi.com>, Timothy Wietlispach
<wietlispach@delphi.com> writes:

I just joined the Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers. Write to :
Hal Braschwitz, Treasurer
3623 West 139th Street
Cleveland,OH 44111

for more info. Hope this helps!

Date: 18 Sep 1994 08:44:52 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!spool.mu.edu!uwm.edu!lll-
winken.llnl.gov!uop!csus.edu!netcom.com!ix.netcom.com!netnews@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: SAREX Packet??? Maybe!!
To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

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In <$arls030.1994@ampr.org> w1aw@arrl.org writes:

>All scheduled SAREX activities have been completed. Lou McFadin,
>W5DID, reports that NASA Mission Control has given the STS-64
>SAREX crew the go ahead to turn on their packet station. There
>will be several passes over the USA between now and stowage time.
>This crew likes voice contacts, so don't be surprised if they
>show up on that mode.
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>Equipment stowage commences Sunday, September 18 at 1822z.
>NNNN
>/EX
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Well, after spending many late nights waiting for the shuttle to pass
over.. hearing nothing time after time, it's real nice to know that
they "MIGHT" turn it on for the last few orbits... in fact, trying
to work the shuttle has gotten as bad as trying to find an open lane
at a bowling alley. The only way you can bowl anymore is to become a
member of a league. Do the members of the amateur radio community have
to go back to elementary school to be allowed to talk to the shuttle
anymore? STS-64 was more boring than watching the crystals grow in
previous missions.

At least they showed something on NASA SELECT. This time, even when
they were doing something of interest, the videos were short if not
at all. The Video Highlights were the only thing that even gave you a
hint of what was going on up there.

What happened to the cargo bay cameras when everyone up there was
asleep?

They used to show live earth views during sleep periods but lately
this has not been happening at all.

The last SAREX mission was only good for those who lived south of the
28th para. because the orbiter never faced north anytime during that
mission. I guess thats o.k. if you live in Texas, Florida or any of
the southern states. I would have liked to have at least had a shot
at getting a QSL card for the 25th aniversary of the APOLLO lunar
landing. I realize that not everyone can make contact during a SAREX

mission but it gets a little frustrating when you get cut entirely
out of the loop.

If I sound a little bitter, it's only a small token of what many of us
are feeling about the last few SAREX missions... I am only passing on
some of the complaints that I have heard along with some of my own...
I hope that NASA is listening and takes the time to acknowledge this
amoung all of the other problems that they have to deal with.

In closing, I seriously hope that this improves over time and all
amateurs are allowed to become active participants in the space
program, not just selected groups.

                            - Mike -
                             WD6EFM
                            Sacramento, Ca.

P.S. It was not my intent to discredit those who work directly with
     SAREX at NASA... I know that they work very hard to make SAREX
     work for ALL amateurs. Keep up the good work and try not to
     forget the rest of us who want to participate too!

Date: Sun, 18 Sep 1994 15:54:06 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!
dparker@network.ucsd.edu
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M.A. Lari (malari@ix.netcom.com) wrote:
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: over.. hearing nothing time after time, it's real nice to know that
: they "MIGHT" turn it on for the last few orbits... in fact, trying
: to work the shuttle has gotten as bad as trying to find an open lane
: at a bowling alley. The only way you can bowl anymore is to become a

Worked the Shuttle last night on Packet, still all goosebumpy!

If it were real easy to work the shuttle, I don't think it
would make the contacts as exciting as they are. My hats off
to everyone behind the SAREX missions, thanks very much.

Dave

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*  Dave Parker   = KD6RRS =                   *
*  Tracy, California, USA                      *
*  Internet e-mail: dparker@netcom.com        *
*  Packet: KD6RRS@WA6YHJ.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA     *
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Date: 18 Sep 1994 13:43:03 -0400
From: newstf01.cr1.aol.com!newsbf01.news.aol.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: SAREX Packet??? Maybe!!
To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

In article <35gum4$7m2@ixnews1.ix.netcom.com>, malari@ix.netcom.com (M.A.
Lari) writes:

I for one was amazed at the number of passes they made with someone on the
radio. I think they did a great job doing all they could to make it as
easy as possible for us hams on the ground. (Heck, they even changed the
inclination of their orbit for us northern hams!! HA!) This was the first
time I really followed the ham activity, but it seemed like they went all
out this time. Almost every pass I monitored had someone at the radio
(except for the ones during their sleep period). I guess this was not
enough for some people.
Thanks NASA!!!!!!! Next time I will make contact!   KD6VYV

Date: Sun, 18 Sep 1994 07:43:49 GMT
From: murky.apple.com!gallant.apple.com!kip-71.apple.com!user@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: STS-64 packet?
To: ham-space@ucsd.edu

Well, packet *finally* got running on STS-64. I'd appreciate copies of
beacon texts or other packet copy after 23:55 PDT on 9/17/94 (that's 06:55
GMT on 9/18.94) to see which list I managed to make. Please send 'em to me
via email or post 'em.

Congrats to the following hams for their perseverance in getting the
following contact numbers (the only ones I copied):

KB7MTC #221
KJ6MD #224
KD6MSM #226

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73-
Bob Martin N6MZV   * rtm@newton.apple.com
Apple Computer, Inc   *

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